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Reply to Office Action of July 8, 2005

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The § 103 (a) rejection of claims 1, 3, 5-11, 14, 16-18, 21-26, 31, 36-39 and 41-80 over Olmstead et al. and O'Brien et al. are addressed by the enclosed Declaration Of Prior Invention Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.131 to which is attached a redacted Invention Disclosure Form. The Declaration, which is signed by three inventors currently employed by Sun Microsystems, Inc., Frederic Herrmann, Gia-Khanh Nguyen, and Rebecca A. Ramer, and Kathy Stark, a former employee at Sun Microsystems, Inc. states that both conception and reduction to practice of the claimed invention were completed prior to the priority date of Olmstead et al. and O'Brien et al. Accordingly, withdrawal of the § 103(a) rejection based upon Olmstead et al. and O'Brien et al. is deemed proper and respectfully requested.

In view of all of the above, the claims are now believed to be allowable and the case in condition for allowance which action is respectfully requested. Should the Examiner be of the opinion that a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of this case, the Examiner is requested to contact Applicants' attorney at the telephone number listed below.

No fee is believed due for this submittal. However, any fee deficiency associated with this submittal may be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-1123.

Respectfully submitted,

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